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MOBILE VAN SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce mobile van service for payment of telephone bills in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the names of places where mobile van service is available at present in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the mobile van service is likely to be provided in remote rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a),(b)&(d): The Government no longer provides telephone services. Telephone services are now provided by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and a number of private companies. Due to operational constraints and costs, BSNL can not afford collection of telephone bills in the rural areas through mobile vans. MTNL does not have rural areas under its jurisdiction.

(c) State wise details for places where mobile vans are available at present are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.